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Stanislaus National Forest
Mi-Wuk Ranger District

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Mi-Wuk Village, CA 95346

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Stanislaus National Forest, Mi-Wuk/Summit Ranger District is planning a fuels reduction project to enhance community and landscape resilience to wildfire, rehabilitate unauthorized OHV routes and close abandoned mines. The proposed Cedar Ridge Fuels Reduction Project is located adjacent to and within the community of Cedar Ridge, Big Hill and Twain Harte, with proposed treatments in the vicinity of Middlecamp Road, Sherwood Forest, Cedar Ridge, the Sierra Outdoor School, and Mount Elizabeth. Please refer to the scoping package available online or by request for maps of the project area.

The actions proposed in the Cedar Ridge Fuels Reduction Project are in accordance with Section 605 of HFRA (16 U.S.C.6591d), 36 CFR 220.6(e)(20), and 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1). Projects planned under these Categorical Exclusions (CEs) are limited to 3,000 acres of fuels treatments to improve wildfire resilience, restoration of unauthorized trails and roads to a natural state, and to protect public health and safety. The Stanislaus National Forest intends to design and implement treatments to improve, connect, and establish fuelbreaks and create defensible fuel profiles through biomass removal, mechanical thinning, hand thinning, machine and hand piling, pile burning, broadcast burning, and herbicide application using ground-based equipment. In addition, unauthorized routes will be rehabilitated and abandoned mining claims will be closed. I expect to complete and sign a Decision Memo before January of 2020.

You are receiving this notice either because you expressed a specific interest in this project, or because I believe you may be directly or indirectly affected by this project. Additionally, your comments specific to this project and/or to individual sites and resources are valuable in helping the Forest identify issues and concerns, and refine the analysis to focus on places or issues that are important to you. As such, we request that you review the proposed action and share either your suggestions or endorsement of the actions by **November 1, 2019**.

A scoping package that provides information related to the proposed action, the scoping process and how to submit comments is available at the Stanislaus National Forest Headquarters: 19777 Greenley Road, CA 95370, or, online at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57025>.

For additional information regarding this project please contact Carly Gibson at (209) 532-3671 or carly.gibson@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

SARAH LAPLANTE

District Ranger



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